GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Marine Products Export Development Unit
Shetti Shri Raju alias Devappa Anna

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Marine Products Export Development Unit;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there has been an increase in the export of marine products particularly during the last two years; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the facilities being provided to all fishermen to improve quality of output?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the year 2014-15 the marine product exports attained highest growth however, the exports declined in the year 2015-16.

(d) The marine product exports achieved an all-time record figure of 1.05 million tons valued at Rs. 33,442 Crore (US$ 5.5billion) in 2014-15. During 2015-16,the exports in quantitative terms were 0.95 million tons valued at Rs. 30,420 Crore (US $ 4.7 billion). Nevertheless, the exports have picked up during the current financial year and as of September, 2016 there is an increase of 2 % in quantity and 15% in value.

MPEDA is operating financial assistance schemes to fishermen to improve the quality of fish landed such as installation of insulated fish hold in onboard fishing vessels, refrigerated fish hold, refrigerated sea water system, ice making machine, Geographic Positioning System (GPS), fish finder, radio telephone, Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) sheathing on the deck, etc. MPEDA is also giving assistance for conversion of existing fishing vessels to Tuna Long Liner.

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